

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL
RECREATION
COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2024, 9-11 am

Location: Virtual Teams meeting

Attendees: Amanda Frayn, Bob Marshall, Charmaine Baker, Chelsea de Ruiters, Christina Ketchum, Christine Rawlins, Christine Schlieff, Deborah Wood, Helen Garland, Jackie Clayton, Karna Gernsheid, Katie E. Biberdorf, Kelly Peterson, Ken Hildebrand, Kurt Balderston, Melody Sample, Sarah Paterson, Stephanie Cajolais, Steve Zimmerman, Tanya Harvey.

Chair: Bob Marshall, Reeve, County of Grande Prairie,

<p>1. Welcome 1.1 Establish Quorum 1.2 TOR voting requirements-One vote per Municipality 1.3 Introductions</p>	Chair	9:01 am
<p>2. Seek approval of Agenda</p>	Chair	
<p>3. Seek approval of previous minutes 3.1 GPRRC 2024-06-20 meeting minutes</p>	Chair	
<p>4. Old Business</p> <p>4.1. Potential Sportsplex Expansion/Proposed City Recreation Facility Update MOTION – GPRRC – 06-15-2022- 04 (made by Councillor Balderston) to direct administration to pursue the Crosslink County Sportsplex expansion as a full-size soccer pitch expansion and multi-sport fieldhouse addition and direct administration to seek updated design and project costs. Administration to determine financial commitment by Municipal partners towards the cost of a detailed design and CARRIED.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County-nothing new from County’s perspective. • In May 2024 City council directed administration to initiate a procurement process to determine some cost options for a potential facility and infrastructure needs. Administration has secured engineering services for a site plan and cost estimates. A Request for Expression of Interest has been issued and closes September 12, 2024. City Administration will report back to City Council later this fall. <p>4.2. Rural Arena Operators Meetings Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three meetings held to date, Sexsmith, Hythe and LaGlace. • Wembley is scheduled, Beaverlodge anticipated to be scheduled end of September. • Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summer-opportunity for dryland use at all three arenas, however not a lot of community demand at this point. ○ Winter- School use of all three facilities is limited during the day. ○ Opportunities-LaGlace is closed on Sundays to give their ice operator the 	<p>County of GP City of GP</p> <p>Coordinator</p>	



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<p>day off. However, the facility is limited to Bantam hockey and below due to rink specifications and construction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hythe has the opportunity for early morning bookings, daytime weekday bookings but no requests from the community. ○ Sexsmith has capacity to book early mornings on Friday-Sunday. ○ Black Ice is not generally seen as an issue at the three arenas we met with. Any cancellations are filled quickly with user groups or they schedule a public skate. ○ Operators expressed interest in participating in training opportunities offered by municipalities, as well as cost sharing initiatives for supplies, to reduce operating costs. ○ All three arenas indicated that their ice use is at historic levels, with between 90-05% of operating hours being booked. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Summary report to be presented to Committee in December, with any recommendations and opportunities for ice capacity highlighted. <p>4.3. Grassroots Recreation Community Discussions Update (formerly Rural Recreation Town Halls)</p> <p>MOTION-GPRRC-06-21-2023-02 (made by Councillor Bosch) Proceed with recreation town halls in 6 locations, along with an online survey and final report and CARRIED.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Change of name to “Grassroots Recreation Community Discussions” to include two City of Grande Prairie neighbourhoods, Patterson and Hillside. ● Survey finalized, will be provided both as physical and online versions. ● Elected officials to be provided with a copy of the survey, meeting locations, as well as marketing materials to distribute to their network by mid-October. ● Meetings to be facilitated by AWG members, the Regional Recreation Coordinator and Karna Germsheid, Executive Director of Grande Prairie Regional Sport Connection. <p>4.4. 2016 Grande Prairie Facilities Analysis Report Update, Request for Direction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Many facilities analysis reports already exist at a municipal level. ● Resolution coming forward to AB Munis about Recreation Infrastructure in the province. Coordinator will send out the information. ● City, County, Beaverlodge, Sexsmith, MD of Greenview have or will shortly have up to date facility analysis reports available. ● Wembley’s last feasibility study was done prior to the fire. ● High level scan, table with list of date last assessment occurred, flagged concerns that may affect the lifespan of the regional facilities. ● Facilities to be included would be those that are in the ICC agreements. <p>MOTION-GPRRC-09-12-2024-01 (made by Mayor Peterson) AWG to bring back high-level summary report of facility evaluations currently available to the December meeting for comparison and CARRIED.</p>	<p>Coordinator</p> <p>Coordinator</p>	
<p>5. New Business</p> <p>5.1. No new business</p>	<p>Coordinator</p>	



